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Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a reply to the Office Action dated April 4, 2007 in the above-identified application.

No additional fee is required.

X Applicant hereby requests a three-month extension of time to respond to the above office action.

The fee has been calculated as shown below:

	(Col. 1) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT		(Col. 2) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR		(Col. 3) PRESENT EXTRA*	LG/SM \$ ENTITY FEE		ADD'L FEE DUE	
TOTAL CLAIMS FEE	67	-	77	**	0	LG=\$50 SM=\$25	\$50	\$	0
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS LARGE ENTITY FEE = \$170 SMALL ENTITY FEE = \$185								8	o
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If the entry in Coi. 1 is less than the entry in Coi. 2, write "0" in Coi. 3.

If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space.

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A check in the amount of \$____ to cover the above fees is enclosed.

The total amount of \$1,050.00 to cover the three-month extension of time fee is to be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-3726.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiencies of fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-3728. A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Any filing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 for the presentation of extra claims

Any patent application processing fees under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17

Respectfully submitted.

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